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From: House Clerk
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2014 1:20 PM
To: David Mead
Subject: FW: Senate Bill 2!

From: Douglas Rau [mailto:raudo@mail.gvsu.edu]
Sent: Sunday, May 11, 2014 5:16 PM
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Could we PLEASE have your yes votes on SENATE BILL 2 and get this thing done??? We need to support our patients!!!!

Thank you for your attention to this matter, Nurse Practitioner students and practicing NPs alike are waiting with pins and needles for this legislation to pass. I appreciate your consideration of this important bill that affects ALL Michiganders.

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From: Lauren Dice <dicel@mail.gvsu.edu>
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Subject: I NEED MY OWN LICENSE!! VOTE YES ON SENATE BILL 2!!

Jon Gibson BSN RN CNN
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PARK TOWNSHIP
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Kent Township
Justin Amash

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